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## Romney gains ground on Obama after strong debate

WASHINGTON - Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney gained ground on Democratic President Barack Obama after a strong performance in their first debate heading into the November 6 election, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll taken after their prime-time face-off.

Romney is now viewed positively by 51 percent of voters, the first time he has enjoyed a net positive in the U.S. presidential race, the poll found. Obama's favorability rating remained unchanged at 56 percent, according to the

poll.

Romney moved ahead of the president on several core issues after Wednesday's debate, which was widely seen as a victory for the Republican candidate.

Voters now see Romney as a better bet to boost the economy, spur job creation and manage the budget deficit, the poll found. He narrowed Obama's advantage on taxes, the Social Security retirement program and the Medicare health insurance program for the elderly and disabled.

## Realizing the goal of a Green Aruba Future leaders have "The Right Stuff"



Honorees with Minister de Meza and PM Eman

The first day of the Green Aruba Conference 2012 featured a parade of presentations by energy experts from around the globe, but many attending will assert the highlight and liveliest part of the day, was when four young Arubans inspired and impressed all present.

Afternoon sessions began with the Young Professionals of Aruba Awards, presented to Françoelle Amis Laclé, Javier Sint Yago, Bryan Franca and Diego Acevedo. Their presentations demonstrating why they were selected inspired all, not only with intelligence and ingenuity, but their optimism and determination to contribute to a bright and sustainable future for their homeland. They have just completed or in the process preparing their thesis for their Bachelors or Masters Degrees and have selected studies of subjects that could have immeasurable impact Aruba, advancing the agenda of a fossil fuel free and ecologically protected homeland.

Françoelle Amis Laclé just completed her Masters in Environment and Resource Management at the Vrije University in Amsterdam. The program focused on the understanding the socio-economic aspects of human intervention

on the planet. Issues addressed include energy security, food security, climate change, biodiversity loss and beyond.

Françoelle studied the situations from Sweden to Sub Sahara Africa; from a similar ambition where achieving fossil fuel freedom is a plan, to a place of complete energy poverty. Her Masters thesis was based on a study she conducted on Aruba's sister island of Bonaire, which became part of a larger study, "What is Bonaire's Nature Worth?" She focused "on finding the cultural and recreational value all local residents have for all ecosystems on the island." It contributed to the overall "Economics and Ecosystems of

Biodiversity" study for the Dutch Caribbean, being conducted for the Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. Her study prompted a similar project on the other BES islands. She now works in the Netherlands for an international consultancy called NewForesight; their purpose is to turn current markets into sustainable markets.

Javier Sint Yago, an avid windsurfer, studied and worked with Prof. Dr. Wubbo Ockels at TU Delft. He will join him next year in the three-month journey of bringing the doctor's famous Elocution sailboat, which runs entirely on renewable energy, to Aruba.

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Expo Cas were astonished to encounter Office Systems line up of household furniture. One of the outstanding features of Office Systems is that they can build furniture to the clients'

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The company is known as experts in the design of office furniture, but they have since innovated and have gone into the manufacture of walk-in-closets and kitchen furniture.

After last year's success of building kitchen furniture, this year they have come up with new ideas for building shoe cabinets especially for those who have walk-in-closets in their homes.

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The visiting public during the Expo Cas were simply fascinated with Office Systems products and excellent service.

## Hyatt Casino giving away prizes among its clients.



Last week, happy patrons of the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Casino & Spa went home richer. On September 28, Mr. Cornelis Van Dartel hit the Caribbean Stud Poker, which is the highest actually on the island. He bought \$100 in chips but only needed 1 hour and 40 chips to win a Royal Flush of \$198,944.

William Hayden is another happy winner. On September 27 he won \$10,000 playing the slot machines. His input was only \$2 and 15 minutes. According to Mr. Hayden this is a tremendous birthday gift as his birthday was only 2 days away.

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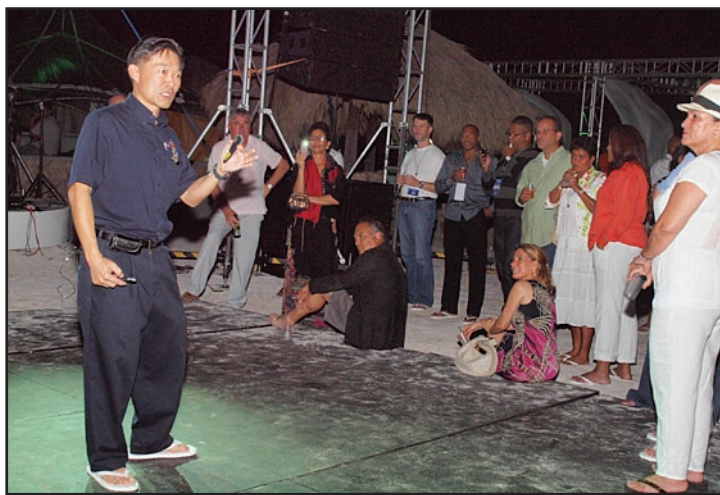
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*“Starwalk” by Dr. Edward Cheung*

## Green Aruba ends its first day with a smart party at Arashi Beach



**Dr Cheung**



**PM Eman and Prof Dr Wubbo Ockels**

After a long first day of presentations and speeches, one would expect the delegates, speakers and dignitaries of the Green Aruba Conference 2012 to need a bit of relaxation. It was provided in a very unique, and uniquely island manner, with a beach bash at Arashi, north of Malmok.

Attendees were



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encouraged from the moment of arrival to “lose the shoes,” and go barefoot, or wear the complimentary sandals provided by the conference. The very talented band “Offshore” from Holland provided the music, and Aruba Wine and Dine laid out attractive platters



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of gourmet snacks.

The elegant event was punctuated by entertainment by the Aruba National Folkloric Ballet, which segued into a fascinating presentation by one of the conference’s emcees, Dr. Edward Cheung.

Dr. Cheung was born and raised on Aruba, obtaining his PhD in Electrical Engineering from Yale with a scholarship funded by Phillips and NASA.

He joined the program at Goddard Space Center in 1992,

eventually assuming an important role in the maintenance of the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as the development of new equipment. Most notably, he is credited with the design of the Wide Field Camera III, a revolutionary device for capturing images of deep space as never before. He was part of the ground team for the last manned space flight, the shuttle mission that did the final repairs on the HST and installed the camera.

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Javier is studying Electrical Engineering, and is part of the Nuon Solar Team, building the next generation of solar car, Nuna 7. He shared his experience of participating in one of the famous races for such cars that are held annually in Australia; a course of over 3000 miles through the most grueling conditions of the Australian Outback. They won second place, well ahead of the rest and he hopes to see them win next year.

Javier is also part of Dr. Ockel's electric bus project. Once back on Aruba, he plans, for his Masters thesis, to develop an efficient model of Aruba's electrical network "to stimulate the penetration of renewable energy sources and possible storage systems. The challenge is to find a good balance between the complexity of the model and its accuracy, for which validation of the model will play a key role. The model should serve as a tool to help evaluate the future integration of different kinds of renewable energy technologies."

Bryan Franca explained how he became fascinated with the necessity of more efficient harnessing of wind energy. He attained his Bachelors in Aerospace Engineering from TU Delft and is working with the Kite Power Research Group of the university, part of ASSET, under Dr. Ockels. Studying the output of standard wind turbines now being deployed, they found that only 25% of the actual equipment, the very outer points of the blades, actually produced energy. They found it a simple matter to minimize the necessary equipment and eliminate the space and expense of the superfluous. The system works by substituting the fastest wind harnessing gear known to man, the parachute type kites used



**Javier Sint Yago**

by kite surfers.

Bryan's video demonstrated the equipment they are very close perfecting, which deploys a parachute kite rotating in a figure-8 pattern, at much higher altitudes than wind turbines. These altitudes have more constant winds of considerably greater velocity. There are several advantages to this new system in cost of production and efficiency of use, and most importantly, reliable and steady energy output. More information can be obtained at [www.kitepower.eu](http://www.kitepower.eu). Bryan's stated ambition is to see this system deployed on Aruba for cheap, reliable, renewable energy.

Finally, Diego Acevedo took the podium. He is currently working towards his Masters at TU Delft, after obtaining his Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering Summa Cum Laude. His focus is a resource Aruba is ideally situated to harness, the surrounding tropical seas. He works with a company called Bluerise, which has made great advances in Ocean Thermal Technologies, (OTEC) particularly aimed at using the great temperature difference between deep sea and surface waters, a condition existing only within 20 degrees of the equator.

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## Crystal Casino gives away 9th car for the year

### *Mr. Albert Gibbs wins a Chevy Camaro*

Recently, Crystal Casino gave away its 8th Camaro. Albert Gibbs was the happy winner. The yellow Camaro replaced the white one which was won on August 9, so it remained only two weeks in the casino.

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## 6th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival with Chaka Khan & Oscar de Leon this weekend



The Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad and the surrounding streets will once again be turned into the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival Plaza for tonight. A stellar line up featuring Chaka Khan, Oscar de Leon, Randy Brecker, Sven Hammond Soul, Fourplay, Kuenta y Tambu, Pete Philly, Frankie Yanga Trio, Diverse Sauzen, Reno Steba & Mike del Ferro, Up-

grade Music, Rooster Farm Ft. Roger Peterson, Live Xpressions will take to three stages over the weekend.

Musical performances under the stars begin at 6:30 PM continuously until 1:30 AM. The great mood of the festival will continue until nearly dawn during after parties at Barefoot by Nikky Beach and Fusion Piano and Wine Bar in

the Alhambra Shopping Mall.

Tickets are still available at Cliffix, Moomba, Fun Miles, Superfood, CD's & More, De Palm Tours, Pelican Tours, Plaza Book Store and at the door.

The weekend will be a feast for the senses. The Cas di Cultura exhibition room features fine art on exhibit and sale. The food court is filled with gourmet restaurants offering bargain priced treats and meals and this year, Arion Wine will provide some fine vintages to complete the overall package, for those that appreciate the finer things in life.

Tickets for each night of the festival are \$50 at the door. For a complete schedule of all performances and bios of the artists, visit the CSJF website: <http://www.caribbeanseajazz.com/> or call: 297/588-0211.



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**Diego Acevedo**

Diego is active within the TU Delft Energy Club and attended many sustainable energy conferences as both speaker and delegate. He gave an eloquent and eye-opening dissertation on the advantages of the Ocean Thermal system, explaining it was 100% efficient and reliable, without intermit-tencies of any kind, which are an issue with solar and wind power.

Production is clean, cheap, and would be sufficient to meet all of Aruba's energy needs now and in the foreseeable future. Bluerise is now engaged in a project commissioned by the Curacao Airport Authority. They are remodeling the airport outside of the island's air terminal, deploying the technology. The finalized project will not only run on energy generated by OTEC, but will also incorporate other ecology-minded technologies for the gardens, fed by the waters of the system.

Prime Minister Mike Eman was proud to personally present these four dynamic young Arubans with awards for their academic accomplishments and fervor to contribute to their community. "As was said when seeking astronauts for a fledgling space program," he told the audience, "we are looking for individuals with 'The Right Stuff.'" I am gratified to see our future can be assured by such bright young people, who have ably demonstrated they have "The Right Stuff," to guarantee Aruba's sustainability."

by Rosalie Klein



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## "Starwalk" by Dr. Edward Cheung - Green Aruba ends its first day ...

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With the completion of the final mission to the HST, Dr. Cheung and team members have moved on to head a new division developing robotics, dedicated to in-space repair of equipment. Their inventions will increase satellite life and save millions of dollars in replacing them, allowing many more years of use. He returns to Aruba at least once a year to visit family and

friends, and has frequently conducted free lectures on the work of NASA and the HST during his visits. In 2010 he received the rare honor of being dubbed Knight of the Royal Order of the Netherlands Lion.

Dr. Cheung has been an inspiration for island youth interested in technological fields, and this is his third stint as emcee at the Green Aruba Con-

ference. During the 2011 conference, the new TNO/Euro House building was opened, bearing the name Dr. Edward Cheung Center for Innovation.

He shared his knowledge of space and several stunning images from the new WFIIL, as a fascinating and educational highlight of the evening. He explained the birth and death of stars, causing the audience to

gasp and the remarkable images of deep space, which few normally give much attention. Many of these can be enjoyed on the Hubble Gallery website: <http://hubblesite.org/gallery/>.

After his presentation, Dr. Cheung fielded a number of questions from the audience. He provided revelations of what the Mars Rovers Opportunity and Spirit are showing on

that planet, while he begged off the more metaphysical queries with the response, "I am just a scientist." His thought-provoking and visually stunning presentation could most definitely be termed "a show stopper;" the audience had to be requested to ask no more questions, so the party could continue.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Romney to hit Obama on foreign policy Monday

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican White House hopeful Mitt Romney will address foreign policy and national security in a major speech Monday in the key electoral battleground of Virginia, his campaign said.

A Romney spokesperson told AFP yesterday that the address will take place at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), one of the nation's oldest military colleges.

Romney reinvigorated his flagging campaign with a command performance in Wednesday's first presidential debate, aggressively challenging Barack Obama on his economic record, health care reform and the national debt.

The VMI appearance will take place a few weeks before the foreign policy-themed third debate, and just ahead of the vice presidential showdown between Romney's running mate Paul Ryan and Vice President Joe Biden.

The Romney team senses a clear opening against Obama in the wake of simmering international developments, primarily in Libya.

In an advisory later yesterday announcing the VMI speech, the campaign said Romney "will offer a stark contrast between his vision for a strong foreign policy and the failed record of President Obama."

"Where President Obama has shown weakness, a Romney administration will demonstrate strength and resolve," the campaign said.

"Where President Obama has shown equivocation, a Romney administration will demonstrate clarity and never hesitate to speak out for American values."

Republicans are hounding Obama over the assault on the US consulate in Benghazi on September 11 which killed the US ambassador and spurred contradictory and shifting explanations from the administration.

Romney is holding up Libya as the inevitable result of a feckless foreign policy that has left America on its knees.

"Our values have been misapplied and misunderstood -- by a president who thinks that weakness will win favor with our adversaries," he wrote recently in the Wall Street Journal.

But the Obama campaign has indicated it is only to happy to wage this election on foreign policy territory, and a full bore Romney assault poses risks as polls show the public

backs the president's leadership abroad.

Aides tout the president's achievements in ending the Iraq war, winding up the Afghan conflict, killing Osama bin Laden, hammering Al-Qaeda and "rebalancing" US foreign policy toward emerging Asia.

They also believe Romney's clumsy first intervention into the recent Middle East crisis, railing at the administration while the US consulate in Libya was under attack, devalues his argument.

And they gleefully recount the Republican presidential nominee's gaffe-strewn foreign tour in July as a sign of the erratic and incoherent worldview of a man not fit to be commander-in-chief.

Obama had a slim lead over Romney in opinion polls going into Wednesday night's debate. The Republican challenger is hoping his strong performance will have made inroads in key swing states where he trails the president.

### General: US needs offensive weapons in cyberwar

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States needs to develop offensive weapons in cyberspace as part of its effort to protect the nation from cyber attacks, a senior military official said yesterday.

"If your defense is only to try to block attacks you can never be successful," General

Keith Alexander, director of the National Security Agency and commander of the US Cyber Command, told a Washington symposium.

"At times, the government has to look at what you have to do to stop an attack -- stop it before it happens. Part of our defense has to consider offensive measures."

Alexander, who spoke at a cybersecurity summit said any offensive cyber action would need to follow rules of engagement similar to those in other military situations. "We have to have a discussion on this," he said.

Alexander's comments come as the US military has started studying various strategies in cyberspace, including offensive weapons.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has begun studying building a platform for offensive capabilities in cyberspace and has called for participation from academic and industry experts.

The US government has stopped short of confirming involvement in cyber weapons such as the Flame and Stuxnet viruses that have targeted Iran, but many analysts say there is evidence of US or Israeli involvement.

### Turkish parliament authorises military action against Syria

AKCAKALE (AFP) - Turkey's parliament yesterday authorised military action against Syria but insisted it was not a war mandate following deadly cross-border fire that sent tensions soaring.

The vote came as Turkish artillery hit targets inside Syria in retaliation for the shelling that killed five Turkish nationals a day earlier in the border town of Akcakale.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan later stressed Turkey has no intention of going to war with Syria, but said it would always defend its borders and its citizens.

"No country should dare test our determination on that," Erdogan said.

Turkey said Syria had apo-

logised and vowed such an incident would not happen again.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon urged "maximum restraint", and Western powers as well as Syria allies China and Iran issued similar appeals.

The United States said Turkey had taken "appropriate" and "proportional" action in firing back at Syria, but said tensions must not to escalate.

Turkey's retaliatory strikes were "designed to strengthen the deterrent effect, so that these kinds of things don't happen again, and it was proportional," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

In Ankara, parliament met behind closed doors in an emergency morning session

and agreed to the government's request to authorise military operations inside Syria.

The year-long mandate received 320 votes in the 550-seat parliament.

"Our soil has been the target of aggressive actions by the Syrian Arab Republic Armed Forces since September 20, and they continued despite our numerous warnings and diplomatic initiatives," the cabinet motion stated.

"A need has emerged to take necessary measures and to act in haste and in time in the face of additional risks and threats that may be directed against our country."

Security sources told AFP that Turkish shelling continued sporadically throughout the

night until 0600 GMT Thursday.

But the shelling could resume if necessary, a Turkish official warned.

The Turkish action in Syria was similar to the bombing raids that the army regularly carries out against suspected Kurdish rebel bases in neighbouring Iraq.

Damascus's close ally Russia said Syria had acknowledged the deadly shelling was "a tragic accident".

Almost 1,000 mostly left-wing peace protesters gathered in Istanbul's Taksim square yesterday evening, chanting slogans against the government for the mandate they branded a tool for "an imperialist war" against Syria.



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## International news

### PBS hits back at Romney over funding threat

WASHINGTON (AFP) - PBS hit back at Mitt Romney yesterday after the Republican contender vowed to end federal funding for the US public television network if he wins the White House.

In a statement, PBS -- which airs such programming as "Downton Abbey" and "Sesame Street" without commercials -- said it was "very disappointed" by Romney's threat, made during his debate with President Barack Obama.

"Governor Romney does not understand the value the American people place on public broadcasting and the outstanding return on investment the system delivers to our nation," it said.

Romney turned on PBS -- whose veteran news anchor Jim Lehrer moderated Wednesday's debate -- as he spelled out how he intended to slash the US government's trillion-

dollar deficit.

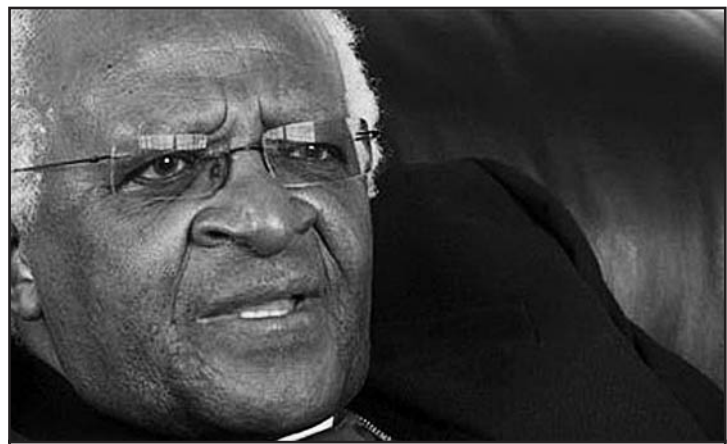
"I like PBS. I like Big Bird," said Romney, dropping the name of the leggy yellow character who teaches the alphabet on "Sesame Street," (but) "I'm sorry, Jim. I'm gonna stop the subsidy to PBS."

PBS said the "federal investment" in public broadcasting equals only "about one one-hundredth of one percent of the federal budget."

It gave no dollar figure, but according to other sources, PBS received \$445.5 million from Washington this year. That compares to \$20 billion in subsidies to US farmers and \$707.5 billion for the US military.

Romney's reference to Big Bird triggered a torrent of sarcastic remarks on Twitter, while a picture of the goofy character -- sitting on a brownstone stoop with a cardboard "Will work for food" sign -- went viral on the Internet.

### Tutu wins 'one-off' Mo Ibrahim award



**JOHANNESBURG--** South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday was awarded a one-off million-dollar prize by the Mo Ibrahim foundation that promotes good governance on the continent. Sudanese-born billionaire Mo Ibrahim said the special civil society prize was in recognition of Tutu's "lifelong commitment to speaking truth to power." He said the award was not designed to replace his annual excellence in African leadership prize, given to former heads of state who step down after a tenure that respected their country's constitution. Tutu, who turns 81 on Sunday responded modestly to the news of being awarded the prize, saying he had been very fortunate throughout his life to be surrounded by people of the highest caliber, including his wife Leah. (AFP)

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### Nuclear safety upgrade needed 'nearly everywhere' in Europe

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Immediate safety upgrades costing billions of euros (dollars) are needed in nuclear power plants "nearly everywhere" in Europe, according to the results of EU "stress tests" released yesterday.

Ordered in the aftermath of Japan's Fukushima disaster in March last year, the Europe-wide tests overall showed "satisfactory" safety, with no need for the immediate closure of a single European Union reactor, the bloc's Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger said. "However nearly everywhere there is a major potential for improvement," he said at a news conference. "There is no reason for us to be complacent."

Saying many of the EU's 132 reactors failed even to meet international safety standards, Oettinger confirmed leaked reports that bringing plants up to scratch could cost anywhere between 10 billion and 25 billion euros (\$13 billion-\$32 billion).

The stress tests, the commissioner added, were "not a blank cheque" but "an incitement to action" to ensure the

highest possible standards are applied soon.

"We would expect these steps to be taken immediately," he said as he urged governments to draw up timetables for action by year's end, with Brussels to review in June 2014 whether plants have been upgraded by then in line with safety requirements.

Oettinger also said he hoped to strengthen Brussels' say in the future on nuclear safety issues by tightening up existing rules next year while also calling for compulsory civil liability insurance.

With 111 European reactors located in built-up areas -- that is, with more than 100,000 people living within 30 kilometres -- Oettinger recognised that a next step would be to also evaluate risks to populations.

The stress tests, carried out in 15 EU states plus neighbouring Switzerland and the Ukraine, aimed to establish whether plants could resist extreme natural disasters such as earthquakes and flooding, as well as airplane crashes.

They found that seismic instruments were either lacking or needed improvement in 121

reactors.

At 81 of the sites checked, equipment for use in the case of severe accidents was not stored in a protected place where it would be quickly available in case of a disaster.

Some 32 reactors -- or 22 percent of the total -- were not equipped with systems enabling the reactor to be safely depressurised in case of an accident.

Looking at risks from quakes and flooding, the tests found that more than a third of the reactors, 54, did not use modern standards to calculate risks of tremors and more than 40 percent lacked updated devices to measure the risk of floods.

The situation also differed from one country to the next.

The French plants were equipped with hydrogen "recombiners" to prevent hydrogen gas explosions, but this was not the case at 10 British plants and in five of the six Spanish ones.

The 12 German plants on the other hand were slammed for failing to fully implement "severe accident management guidelines."



## Health & Living

### Hundreds at risk in US meningitis outbreak

NASHVILLE, Tennessee - A rare form of meningitis has left four people dead and sickened 22 others, NBC News reports.

All received steroid injections, mostly for back pain, a

fairly typical treatment. The drug was made by a specialty pharmacy in Massachusetts that issued a recall last week and has shut down operations.

The type of meningitis in-

involved is not contagious like the more common forms. This type is caused by a fungus often found in leaf mold and which health officials suspect may have been in the steroid.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include severe and worsening headache, nausea, dizziness and fever. Some of the patients also experienced slurred speech, and difficulty walking and urinating, Tennessee health officials said.

Federal health officials fear the number of cases will increase.

The Nashville facility contacted more than 700 patients who had spinal steroid injections between July 30 and September 20.

### Vaccines ready for 50 million in Africa's 'Meningitis Belt'

GENEVA (AFP) - A huge vaccination campaign to protect 50 million people against meningitis has been launched in seven African countries aiming to stamp out the deadly virus, health officials said Thursday.

The so-called 'Meningitis Belt' countries -- Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Sudan --



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### Uganda Ebola outbreak over: government

KAMPALA (AFP) - Uganda on Thursday declared an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus that killed 17 people dead to be over, officials said.

The declaration followed the end of the 42-day surveillance period mandated by the World Health Organisation during which no new cases were reported.

Health officials welcomed the announcement and called on any travel restrictions on Ugandans to be lifted.

"Since the country is free of Ebola, we appeal to all countries with travel bans on Uganda to lift them to enable free movement of our people," said Sarah Acheng, state health minister.

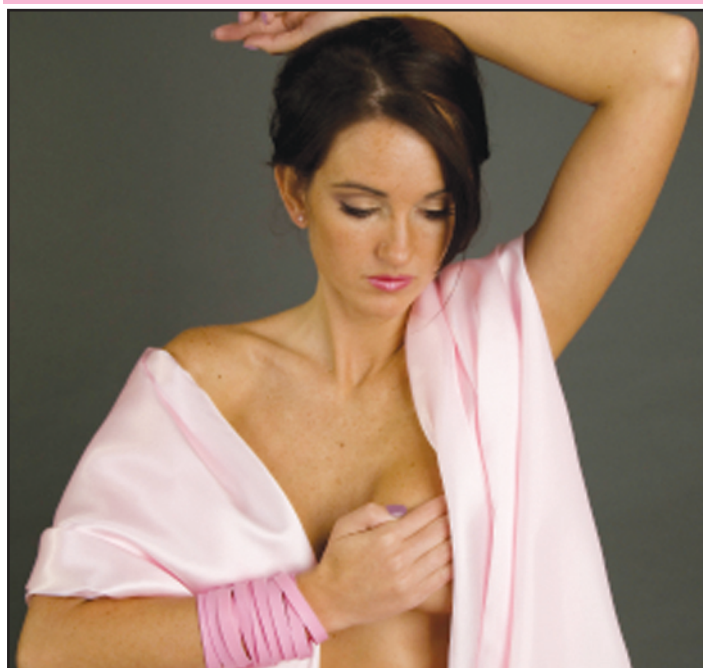
Ebola broke out in early July in Uganda's western Kibale district, some 200 kilometres (120 miles) from Kampala, and around 50 kilometres (30 miles) from the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Ebola, which spreads by direct contact with the blood or other body fluids of infected persons, is fatal in about 50 to 90 percent of cases, with victims bleeding from body orifices before dying in the most severe instances.

The rare haemorrhagic disease, named after a small river in DR Congo, killed 37 people in western Uganda in 2007 and at least 170 in the north of the country in 2000.

Since the latest outbreak in Uganda, at least 36 people have meanwhile died of a different strain of Ebola in neighbouring DR Congo, according to the WHO.

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same. We have made a lot of progress but still have a long way to go and need your help! Ladies feel your boobies!



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### Australia admits neglect of Great Barrier Reef

SYDNEY (AFP) - The Australian government admits the Great Barrier Reef has been neglected for decades after a study showed it has lost more than half its coral cover in the past 27 years.

Environment Minister Tony

Burke said research released by scientists from the Australian Institute of Marine Science and the University of Wollongong should be setting off alarm bells across the country.

The study said coral cover

on the heritage-listed reef -- the world's largest -- could halve again by 2022 if trends continued.

Intense tropical cyclones -- 34 in total since 1985 -- were responsible for much of the damage, accounting for 48 percent, with outbreaks of the coral-feeding crown-of-thorns starfish linked to 42 percent.

Two severe coral bleaching events in 1998 and 2002 due to ocean warming also had "major detrimental impacts" on the central and northern parts of the reef, the study found, putting the impact at 10 percent.

While little could be done about cyclones, Burke said tackling the problem of the large, poisonous and spiny crown-of-thorns starfish, which feast on coral polyps and can devastate reef cover, was under way.

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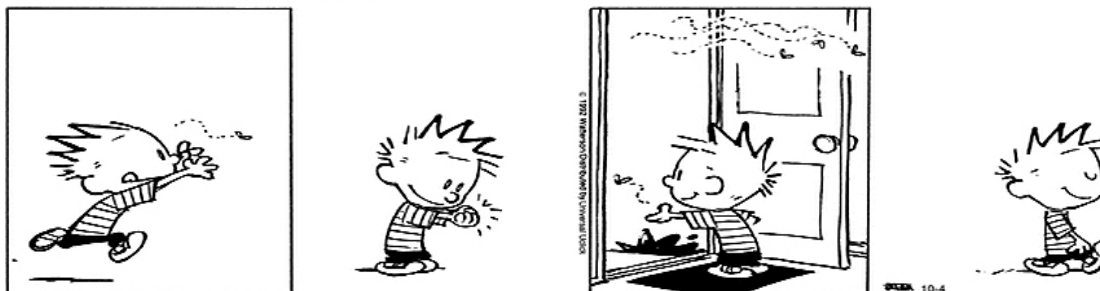
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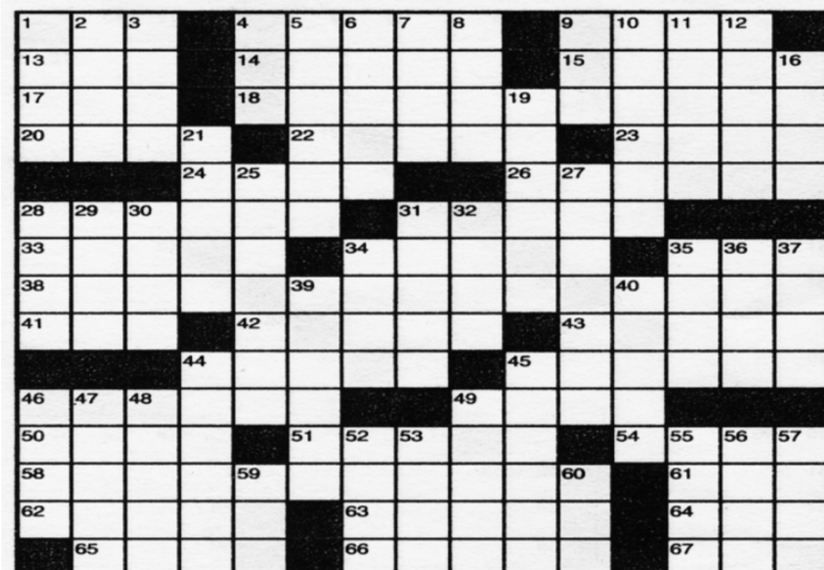
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4. Gillespie's sound
9. River in Germany
13. Bossy Stooze
14. Poplar: Sp.
15. Last name in reference books
17. Thunder Bay's prov.
18. "The Brigs of Ayr" poet
20. Tale
22. Keystone St.
23. \_\_\_ blocker
24. Son of Hera
26. Summer top
28. Climbed
31. Relinquish
33. Nabisco's classic treats
34. "Plain Language from James" author

35. 19th Greek letter
38. Get hurt from meddling
41. Old name for Tokyo
42. Has a bias
43. Make cheese sprinkly
44. Chris of tennis
45. Diogenes, for one
46. Brought up
49. About: abbr.
50. Acquire honestly
51. Nantes's river
54. Poet Wilfred
58. Reason to throw out ice cream
61. George's lyrical brother
62. "Stop Making \_\_\_" (Talking Heads film)

63. Military group
64. Stupid person
65. Escort
66. Planar measurements
67. Summer, in Montreal

## DOWN

1. Los Angeles complaint
2. Skye of "Stranded"
3. Favored ones
4. Ingot
5. Headed for Elkton, Maryland
6. "\_\_\_ in Toyland"
7. Portent
8. XXX-rated films
9. Crown jewels object
10. Twin
11. Heron's kin
12. French income
16. Autocrat
19. Gauguin's retirement spot
21. Raptor's gripper
25. Settle, as a dispute
27. One who retaliates
28. "\_\_\_ it!"
29. Gross stuff, slangily
30. Nautical start
31. Didn't exist
32. Canine sounds
34. Pay attention to
35. Wood for salad bowls
36. Goldie's "Laugh-In" costar
37. AOL customer
39. Obelisk
40. Dancer-choreographer José
44. Rutherford or Lawrence of science
45. Saw-toothed range
46. Whistle-blowers, for short
47. Like some seals
48. Dallas's Reunion, e.g.
49. Uncouth
52. Killer whale
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55. Like the Magi
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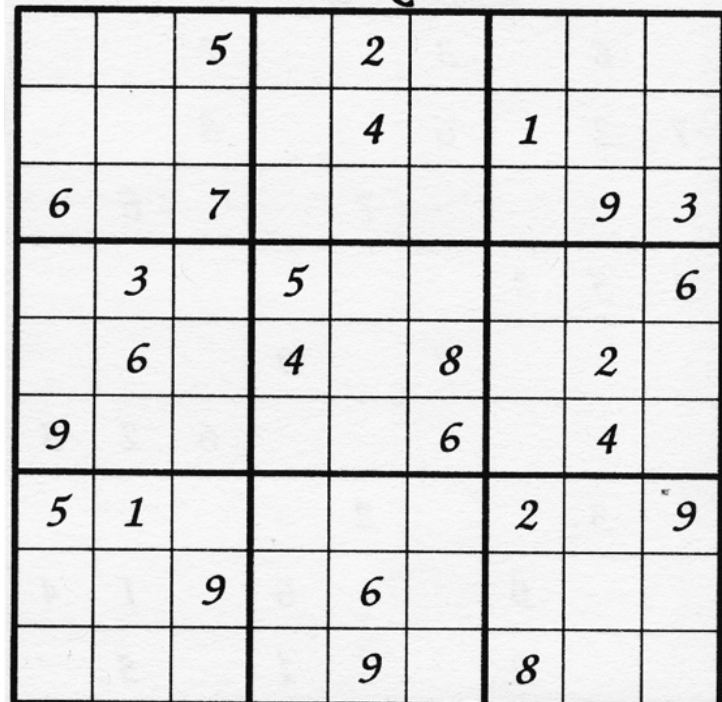
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3	6	1	9	8	2	7	4	5
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## FINANCE

## Monetary Policy of the Aruba Central Bank

ORANJESTAD -- During its meeting of September 10, 2012, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)2 of the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) decided, after reviewing the most recent economic and monetary data, to leave the reserve requirement rate (11 percent), and the advance rate (1 percent) unchanged. One of the main considerations for this policy stance is that net foreign assets (including revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings), despite a 13.9 percent decrease in July 2012 (compared to December 2011), remained at an adequate level when benchmarked against GDP and money supply, as well as the number of months of current account payments covered by the net foreign assets. Also, the end of period inflation

rate for July, after peaking in August 2011 related to a significant upward adjustment in gasoline prices, water and electricity charges, eased to 0.4 percent. The 12-month average inflation rate stood at 4.4 percent, driven chiefly by the categories "Housing" and "Transport". The end of period inflation rate excluding the food and energy items (the core-inflation) stood at -0.7 percent. On the credit side, growth in business loans strengthened to 5.2 percent compared to December 2011. Total loans to individuals firmed modestly, registering an 1.3 percent increase while overall domestic credit grew by 3.0 percent in July 2012 compared to December 2011.

The CBA will continue to closely follow the developments in the economic and monetary fundamentals.

## Economy minister: Spain does not need a bailout 'at all'

LONDON (AFP) - Spain does not need a bailout "at all," its economy minister Luis de Guindos said in a speech in London yesterday as concerns swirled around the eurozone's fourth largest economy.

"Spain does not need a bailout at all," he said in an address at the London School of Economics, insisting that Spain was "a competitive and sustainable country. What we are doing is what we think is the correct thing not only for Spain but for the future of the eurozone."

"We are convinced that we will be able to bring investors interested on the assets of the bad bank," he added.

De Guindos' speech was interrupted by a group of young protesters who waved placards "Spain for sale," and screamed "the people are paying the price."

The minister said the "measures were necessary" to stabilise the Spanish economy and return it to growth.

NEW YORK -- Facebook said yesterday that it now has more than a billion users, in a new milestone for the world's biggest social network.

Co-founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg made the announcement, saying the number is "humbling."

"This morning, there are more than one billion people using Facebook actively each month," he said in a statement.

"If you're reading this: thank you for giving me and my little team the honour of serving you. Helping a billion people connect is amazing, humbling and by far the thing I am most proud of in my life."

Interviewed on the NBC Today show, he called the number a major achievement.

"To be able to come into work every day and build things that help a billion people stay connected with the people they care about every month, that's just unbelievable," Zuckerberg said.

Facebook said it reached one billion monthly active

users on September 14 at 12:45 pm Pacific time. That includes 600 million mobile users.

In its last update in June, Facebook said it had 955 million users including 543 million using mobile devices.

The California company launched a public offering in May, but has seen its share price tumble amid concerns that it may not be able to grow revenues as users migrate to mobile devices.

Facebook shares, which hit the market at \$38 in May, closed Wednesday at \$21.83, but in pre-market trade was up 1.9 percent at \$22.25.

In the NBC interview, Zuckerberg said the company was moving forward despite



some rough patches.

"Things go in cycles. We're obviously in a tough cycle now and that doesn't help morale, but at the same time, you know, people here are focused on the things that they're building," he said.

## Brazil unveils fresh auto industry incentives

BRASILIA (AFP) - The Brazilian government yesterday announced fresh tax incentives to spur carmakers to invest in innovative technology and more fuel efficient models.

"We are launching a new system aimed at giving a strong impetus to the Brazilian auto industry," Finance Minister Guido Mantega told reporters. "The goal is to create jobs and we also want the consumer to have a better, more efficient and more modern product, cheaper and less polluting."

The plan sets a 2016 target of 17.2 kilometers (11 miles) to the liter for gasoline and 11.9 kilometers to the liter for ethanol, a 12 percent improvement in fuel efficiency.

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## Baptist Health International teams with Aruba Heart Foundation for Annaul Heart event

MIAMI, FL - Baptist Health International teamed up with the Aruba Heart Foundation to host the Second Annual "Your Heart is in Your Hands" Symposium, on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

The event was held at the Renaissance Aruba Resort and Casino and offered information regarding heart attacks and syncope, as well as other heart health-related topics.

More than 300 guests were in attendance to learn about the importance of promoting prevention and educating the public on heart disease.

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Left to right: Kathleen Tuitt, Baptist Health International Representative; Reginald Laroche, supervisor and Clinical Exercise Physiologist of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at Baptist Health South Florida's South Miami Hospital; Dr. Van Leeuwen, Vice-President Aruba Heart Foundation; Velam Daal, President Aruba Heart Foundation; Sara Marugg, Secretary Aruba Heart Foundation; and Dr. Hakop Hrachian, Electrophysiologist and Cardiologist with Baptist Health South Florida, at the Second Annual "Your Heart is in Your Hands" on September 22, 2012, sponsored by Baptist Health International and Aruba Heart Foundation.

relationships with health professionals and communities throughout the Caribbean region, Baptist Health South Florida provided Miami-based experts to deliver wide ranging information on overall heart health, prevention and wellness. Baptist Health specialist, Hakop Hrachian, M.D. and Reginald Laroche, supervisor and Clinical Exercise Physiologist of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at Baptist Health South Florida's South Miami Hospital, had the honor to share their knowledge with the public and health practitioners in Aruba.

"It was a great opportunity to be in Aruba to share our experience regarding Cardiac Rehabilitation, but to also interact with the people of Aruba and educate the community regarding wellness and prevention initiatives that they can immediately apply to better their lifestyle," added Reginald Laroche.



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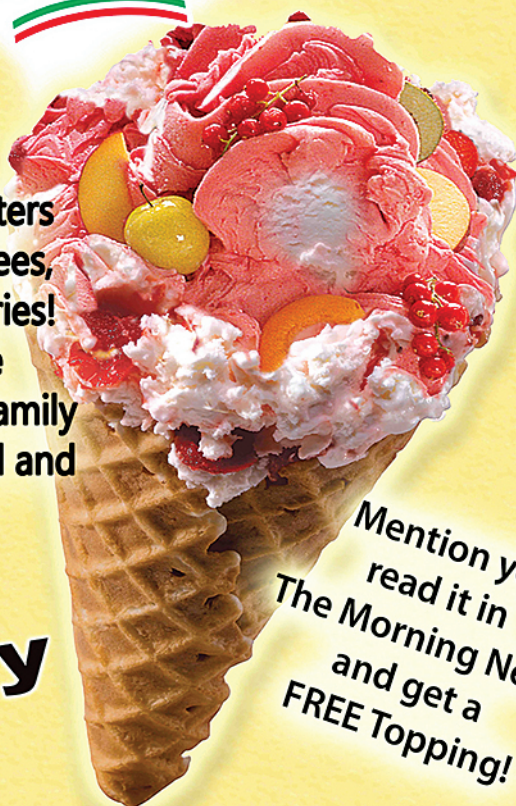
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## Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

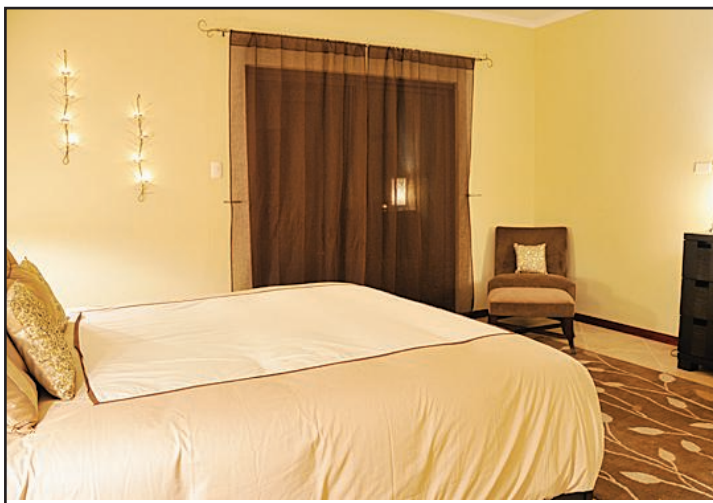
"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee.



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All

Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5

fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger. 5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from



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## SPORTS

### Football: Cristiano Ronaldo to lead Portugal squad

LISBON (AFP) - Portugal coach Paulo Bento unveiled his 23-man squad on Thursday that will travel to Russia on October 12 before returning to take on Northern Ireland on October 16 in Porto, for the

upcoming rounds of 2014 World Cup qualifiers.

Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo leads Bento's team that are coming off victories over Luxembourg and Azerbaijan and take on un-



beaten Russia at the top of Group F.

The one surprise sprung by the Portuguese handler was the inclusion of 24-year-old uncapped defender Luis Neto, while striker Eder keeps his place after impressing on his debut last September.

#### Squad:

Goalkeepers: Rui Patricio (Sporting Lisbon), Eduardo (Istanbul BB/TUR), Beto (Sporting Braga).

Defenders: Joao Pereira (Valencia/ESP), Miguel Lopes (Porto), Bruno Alves (Zenit St-Petersburg/RUS), Pepe (Real Madrid/ESP), Luis Neto (Siena, ITA), Sereno (Valadolid/ESP), Fabio Coentrao (Real Madrid/ESP).

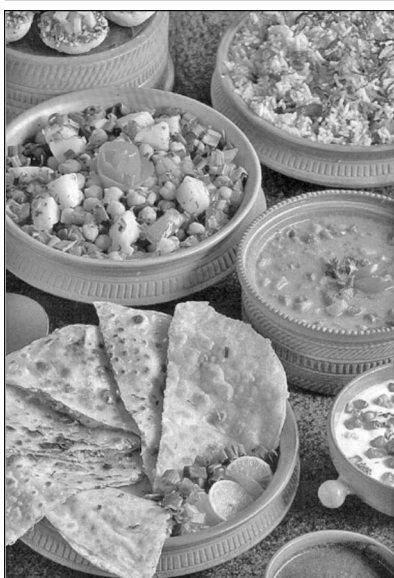
Midfielders: Miguel Veloso (Dynamo Kiev/UKR), Custodio (Sporting Braga), Raul Meireles (Chelsea/ENG), Joao Moutinho (Porto), Ruben Amorim (Sporting Braga), Ruben Micael (Sporting Braga).

Strikers: Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid/ESP), Nani (Manchester United/ENG), Varela (Porto), Helder Postiga (Real Zaragoza/ESP), Pizzi (Deportivo La Coruna/ESP), Nelson Oliveira (Deportivo La Coruna/ESP), Eder (Sporting Braga).

### Chavez Jr to undergo detox treatment



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - The World Boxing Council (WBC) have fined Mexico's Julio Cesar Chavez Jr \$20,000 (14,495 euros) and ordered to him undergo treatment following his positive test for marijuana after losing to Argentina's Sergio Martinez in Las Vegas last month. Pre-fight test results have not yet been received by Nevada officials, who promoter Bob Arum plans to seek leniency from because marijuana is a recreational drug and not a performance-enhancing substance.



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### Duarte takes Coppa Sabatini



ROME (AFP) - Former world under-23 champion Fabio Duarte won the 60th edition of the Coppa Sabatini, beating his Colombian compatriot Miguel Angel Rubiano to the line on Thursday. Duarte, riding for the Colombia-Coldeportes team, triumphed in a sprint finish ahead of Rubiano, of the Androni team, and Matteo Rabottini of Farnese Vini-Selle Italia. Rubiano had led an early break-away, was reeled in before going on another attack in the closing stages along with Rabottini, Patrik Sinkewitz, Giovanni Visconti, Francesco Failli and Duarte. But Duarte finished the strongest to take his first win on European soil.



STRASBOURG (AFP) - France's rally driver Sebastien Loeb (C) poses with all the WRC drivers before the first stage of France's WRC round Rallye Alsace, on October 4, 2012 in Strasbourg, eastern France.

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## Sri Lanka beat Pakistan to reach World T20 final

COLOMBO (AFP) - Veteran spinner Rangana Herath grabbed 3-25 to lift hosts Sri Lanka into the World Twenty20 final with a 16-run victory over Pakistan in Colombo on Thursday.

Sri Lanka, restricted to 139-4 after electing to bat, hit back to keep Pakistan down to 123-7 in a thrilling semi-final before 35,000 screaming fans at the Premadasa stadium.

Herath, the 34-year-old left-arm spinner playing only his sixth T20 international, was supported by two wickets each from seamer Angelo Mathews and unorthodox spinner Ajantha Mendis.

It was Sri Lanka's second



appearance in the World Twenty20 final, having lost to Pakistan in the 2009 title clash at Lord's.

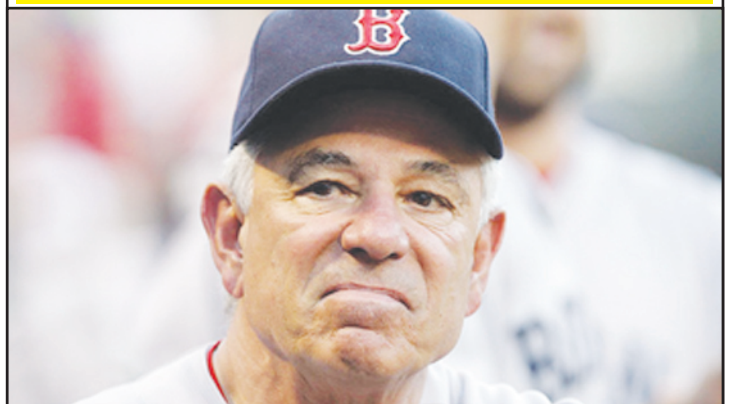
It was also the first time in four editions of the tournament that began in 2007 that a host country had made it past the semi-final round.

Rival captains Mahela Jayawardene and Mohammad

Hafeez top-scored for their teams with 42 each, but the other batsmen struggled to force the pace on a sluggish pitch that hampered stroke-making.

Australia and the West Indies will clash in the second semi-final on today. The final is scheduled for Sunday.

## Red Sox axe manager Bobby Valentine



BOSTON (AFP) - Bobby Valentine has been fired by the last place Boston Red Sox, after managing them to their worst record in 47 years. The veteran Major League Baseball skipper was let go yesterday after just one season with Boston, who finished last in the American League East Division. The Red Sox had 69 wins and 93 losses, the worst for the storied franchise since a 62-100 mark in 1965. Valentine had one year remaining on the contract he signed last year. Before he took the position with the Red Sox, Valentine hadn't managed in the majors since 2002. After the team's meltdown last September, in which a 7-20 record denied the team a playoff spot, the Red Sox let go Terry Francona, then hired Valentine hoping that he would be able to turn the team around.

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## Miguel Cabrera wins the Triple Crown



KANSAS CITY - In Miguel Cabrera's brilliant 10-year career, he already had enjoyed seasons during which he led the American League in batting average (2011), home runs (2008) and RBIs (2010).

But never had he led all three categories in the same year. Until 2012.

Wednesday night at Kauffman Stadium, Cabrera became the 12th major leaguer since 1900 and the first since Carl Yastrzemski in 1967 to win baseball's Triple Crown. Cabrera, a 29-year-old from Venezuela, is the first player born outside of the U.S. to accomplish the elusive feat in the modern era.

Cabrera flew out and struck out before departing in the fourth inning of the Detroit Tigers' 1-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals, but what he did on this night in front of an appreciative

crowd of 30,383 hardly mattered. He essentially wrapped up his place in the record book Monday night when he went 4-for-5 and hit his 44th homer to break a tie with Josh Hamilton.

Cabrera's final line: .330, 44 homers and 139 RBIs. The homers and RBIs are career-bests; twice he has finished with a higher average, including last season when he led the AL with a career-best .344.

The list of Triple Crown winners since 1900 says much about the magnitude of the achievement. It includes some of the greatest names in the game's history: Ted Williams, Ty Cobb, Lou Gehrig, Rogers Hornsby, Jimmie Foxx, Nap Lajoie, Frank Robinson, Mickey Mantle, Joe Medwick, Chuck Klein and Yastrzemski. All are Hall of Famers. Only Williams and Hornsby won the Triple Crown twice.

## Yankees win AL East with 14-2 blowout of Boston Red



NEW YORK - It took the full 162-game schedule, but the Yankees are finally American League East champions.

The Bombers clinched their third consecutive division title with a 14-2 beating of the Red Sox on the last day of the season, locking up home-field advantage through the first two rounds

of the postseason with their most lopsided win of the season.

The Yankees will get to rest for three days before opening their ALDS on Sunday in either Baltimore or Texas. The Orioles and Rangers will play their one-game wild card playoff today at 8:37 p.m. in Arlington.

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## Federer targeted by Chinese death threat

SHANGHA (AFP) - Shanghai Masters organisers have tightened security around Roger Federer after the top-ranked men's tennis player was targeted by an online death threat. Extra precautions for Federer, who has arrived in Shanghai with his family, were taken after an unknown blogger said he planned to "assassinate" the player, in a bizarre posting on a popular Chinese website. The user also posted a doctored image showing a decapitated Federer on his knees on a tennis court, with a masked executioner dressed in black and holding an axe posing next to him. Police and other government agencies have been contacted to increase security around Federer, an official with the tournament's organising committee told the Shanghai Youth Daily. In the 2009 French Open final, a fan invaded the court and tried to put a beret on Federer, before being tackled by security officials.